



## United States Marine Corps Professional Reading Program **Reading List**

### **Commandant's Choice Book**

- **First to Fight: An Inside View of the U.S. Marine Corps** by Victor H. Krulak

### **Recruit/Poolee**

- **I'm Staying With My Boys** by Jim Proser
- **The United States Marines: A History** by Edwin Simmons

### **Private/Private First Class**

- **A Message To Garcia** by Elbert Hubbard
- **Rifleman Dodd** by C.S. Forester
- **Blink** by Malcolm Gladwell
- **1984** by George Orwell
- **No True Glory** by Bing West
- **The Gift of Valor** by Michael M. Phillips

### **Lance Corporal**

- **The 360 Degree Leader** by John Maxwell
- **The Afghan Campaign** by Steven Pressfield
- **My Men Are My Heroes** by Nathaniel R. Helms
- **Starship Troopers** by Robert Heinlein
- **The Ugly American** by Eugene Burdick
- **We Were One** by Patrick K. O'Donnell

### **Corporal**

- **Afghanistan** by Stephen Tanner
- **All Quiet on the Western Front** by Erich Maria Remarque
- **Chosen Soldier** by Dick Couch
- **Flags of Our Fathers** by James Bradley
- **Ghost Soldiers** by Hampton Sides
- **Noble Warrior** by James E. Livingston
- **Once a Marine** by Nick Popaditch
- **The Defence of duffer's Drift** by Ernest Dunlop Swinton
- **Marines in the Garden of Eden** by Richard Lowry

### **Sergeant**

- **American Soldiers** by Peter S. Kindsvatter
- **Common Sense Training** by Arthur S. Collins
- **Counterinsurgency Warfare** by David Galula





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**Sergeant (cont'd)**

- **From the Horse's Mouth** by Major Ted McKeldin
- **The Killer Angels** by Michael Shaara
- **A Soldier's Load and the Mobility of a Nation** by S.L.A. Marshall
- **Storm of Steel** by Ernst Junger
- **The Village** by Bing West
- **Tip of the Spear** by G.J. Michaels
- **With the Old Breed** by E.B. Sledge

**Staff Sergeant**

- **A Bell for Adano** by John Hersey
- **American Spartans** by James A. Warren
- **The Arab Mind** by Raphael Patai
- **Attacks** by Erwin Rommel
- **Battle Cry** by Leon Uris
- **The Defense of Hill 781** by James McDonough
- **The Face of Battle** by John Keegan
- **The Last Stand of Fox Company** by Bob Drury
- **McCoy's Marines** by James M. McPherson
- **On Killing** by Dave Grossman
- **Soldiers of God** by Robert D. Kaplan
- **The Speed of Trust** by Stephen M.R. Covey

**Gunnery Sergeant**

- **Afghan Guerilla Warfare** by Ali Jalali
- **Tiger Force: A True Story of Men and War** by M. Sallah
- **Islands of the Damned** by R. V. Burgin
- **Killing Ground on Okinawa** by James H. Hallas
- **The Mission, The Men, and Me** by Pete Blaber
- **On Command** by Dave Grossman
- **Ride the Thunder** by Richard Botkin
- **The Savage Wars of Peace** by Max Boot
- **Victory at High Tide** by Robert Heinlein
- **We Were Soldiers Once and Young** by Harold G. Moore





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**Master Sergeant/First Sergeant**

- **The Accidental Guerilla** by David Kilcullen
- **Courageous Follower** by Ira Chaleff
- **Fields of Battle** by John Keegan
- **Forgotten Warriors** by Thomas Hammes
- **Ghost Wars** by Steve Coll
- **The Guns of August** by Barbara W. Tuchman
- **The Lexus and the Olive Tree** by Thomas Friedman
- **The Passion of Command** by Bryan McCoy
- **Seven Deadly Scenarios** by Andrew Krepinevich
- **The Sling and the Stone** by Thomas X. Hammes
- **Technology and War** by Martin L. Van Creveld

**Master Gunnery Sergeant/Sergeant Major**

- **Achilles in Vietnam** by Jonathan Shay
- **At the Water's Edge: Defending Against the Modern Amphibious Assault** by Theodore Gatchel
- **The Crisis of Islam** by Bernard Lewis
- **The Coldest Winter** by David Halberstam
- **Crisis Leadership** by Gene Klann
- **The General** by C.S. Forrester
- **The Mask of Command** by John Keegan
- **No Bended Knee** by Merrill B. Twining
- **On War** by Carl Von Clausewitz
- **A Peace to End All Peace** by David Fromkin





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**Officer Candidate/Midshipman**

- **The Armed Forces Officer, DoD 2006**
- **My Men Are My Heroes** by Nathaniel R. Helms
- **United States Marines: A History** by E. Simmons
- **On Infantry** by John A. English

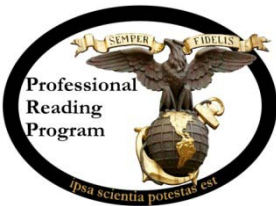
**2d Lieutenant / Warrant Officer/Chief Warrant Officer 2**

- **The Art of War** by Sun Tzu
- **Blink** by Malcolm Gladwell
- **Counterinsurgency Warfare** by David Galula
- **Leadership: The Warrior's Art** by Christopher D. Kolenda
- **The Mission, The Men and Me** by Pete Blaber
- **The Savage Wars of Peace** by Max Boot
- **Soldiers of God** by Robert D. Kaplan
- **The Speed of Trust** by Stephen M.R. Covey
- **Storm Landings** by Joseph H. Alexander
- **A Tactical Ethic** by Dick Couch
- **The Village** by Bing West

**1st Lieutenant / Chief Warrant Officer 3**

- **The Enlightened Soldier** by Charles Edward
- **Seeds of Disaster** by Robert Doughty
- **Stormtroop Tactics** by Bruce Gudmundsson
- **Command or Control** by Marin Samuels
- **The Breaking Point** by Robert Doughty
- **Fighting Power** by Martin L. Van Creveld
- **Transformation of War** by Martin L. Van Creveld
- **Attacks** by Erwin Rommel
- **Battle Leadership** by Adolf Von Schell
- **The Peloponnesian War** by Donald Kagan
- **The Last Stand of Fox Company** by Bob Drury





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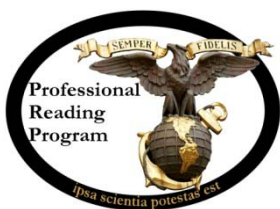
**Captain / Chief Warrant Officer 4**

- **The Arab Mind** by R. Patai
- **The Defense of Hill 781** by James McDonough
- **The General** by C. S. Forrester
- **Lions of Iwo Jima** by Fred Haynes
- **Lost Victories** by Erich Von Manstein
- **The Mask of Command** by John Keegan
- **Passion of Command** by Bryan McCoy
- **Sources of Power** by Gary Klein
- **The Tipping Point** by Malcolm Gladwell
- **Victory at High Tide** by Robert D. Heinl
- **We Were Soldiers Once and Young** by Harold G. Moore

**Major/Chief Warrant Officer 5**

- **The Crucible of War** by Fred Anderson
- **The Guns of August** by Barbara W. Tuchman
- **This Kind of War** by T. R. Fehrenbach
- **The Landmark Thucydides** edited by Robert Strassler
- **The Last Stand: Custer, Sitting Bull, and the Battle of Little Big Horn** by Nathaniel Philbrick
- **The Lexus and the Olive Tree** by Thomas Friedman
- **Masters of War** by Michael Handel
- **Once an Eagle** by Anton Myrer
- **Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln** by Doris Goodwin
- **Tiger Force: A True Story of Men and War** by M. Sallah
- **Utmost Savagery: The Three Days of Tarawa** by Joseph Alexander
- **Wired for War** by P. W. Singer





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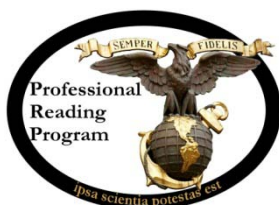
### **Lieutenant Colonel**

- **A Bell for Adano** by John Hersey
- **Accidental Guerilla** by David Kilcullen
- **At The Water's Edge: Defending Against the Modern Amphibious Assault** by Theodore Gatchel
- **The Blitzkrieg Legend** by Karl-Heinz Freiser
- **The Bottom Billion** by Paul Collier
- **Brute: The Life of Victor Krulak** by Robert Coram
- **Carnage and Culture** by Victor Hanson
- **Defeat into Victory** by William Slim
- **Forgotten Warriors** by Thomas Hammes
- **A Peace to End All Peace** by David Fromkin
- **Seven Deadly Scenarios** by Andrew Krepinevich

### **Colonel to General \***

- **Another Bloody Century** by Colin Gray
- **The Coldest Winter** by David Halberstam
- **The Crisis of Islam** by Bernard Lewis
- **Decoding Clausewitz** by Jon Sumida
- **Dereliction of Duty** by H.R. McMaster
- **Diplomacy** by Henry Kissinger
- **Fault Lines: How Hidden Fractures Still Threaten the World** by Raghuram Rajan
- **How Wars End** by Gideon Rose
- **Tried by War** by James McPherson
- **Supreme Command: Soldiers, Statesmen, and Leadership in Wartime** by Eliot A. Cohen
- *\* Current, topical titles provided by Marine Corps University at each Executive Off-Site*





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The following books were positioned in the list to create common readings between officers and non-commissioned officers at similar billet levels (i.e. platoon or shop level)

### **Rank**

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt, Sgt

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt, SSgt

1<sup>st</sup> Lt, SSgt

Capt, SSgt

Capt, GySgt

Maj, GySgt

Maj, MSgt/1<sup>st</sup> Sgt

LtCol, MSgt/1<sup>st</sup> Sgt

LtCol, MGySgt, SgtMaj

Col, MGySgt, SgtMaj

### **Titles**

Counterinsurgency Warfare, The Village

Soldiers of God, The Speed of Trust

Attacks, The Last Stand of Fox Company

The Arab Mind, The Defense of Hill 781

Victory at High Tide, We Were Soldiers Once and Young

Tiger Force

The Guns of August, The Lexus and the Olive Tree

Forgotten Warriors, Seven Deadly Scenarios

At The Water's Edge: Defending Against the Modern

Amphibious Assault, A Peace to End All Peace

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